

**The City of Springfield, Ohio
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Forum**

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Mayor and Acting President Chilton. Roll call was answered by Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton. Mr. Copeland and Mr. Rue were absent.

The invocation was offered by Mrs. Chilton, who then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, members approved the minutes of the August 31, 2021, Public Hearings and Legislative Meeting as presented.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton.

Yeas 3, Nays 0.

FIRST READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was read by title only for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

233-21 Renaming a portion of West Clark Street, from Wittenberg Avenue to Plum Street, to the dual naming of "West Clark Street/Youlish Rhodes Sr. Way."

225-18 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 2 to the Consulting Agreement with Urban Fast Forward, Ltd. for the Springfield Engaged Neighborhood Planning Process Development (Phase II) to extend the completion date to April 1, 2022.

Upon question by Dr. Estrop, Community Development Deputy Director Thompson stated the proposed amendment extends the contract with Urban Fast Forward who is facilitating the Engaged Neighborhood Plan. A final report should be completed by April 2022. The final neighborhood workshop #3 will be held on October 9, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Covenant United Methodist Church, 529 West State Street. The public is encourage to attend.

224-18 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 2 to the Springfield Comprehensive Housing Strategic Planning and Policy Development Consulting Agreement with Greater Ohio Policy Center, Inc. ("GOPC") to extend the contract completion date to April 1, 2022.

Dr. Estrop asked for additional information on the subject contract. Mr. Thompson stated the GOPC staff continue to work on the Strategic Housing Plan with input from the steering committee and housing consortium. The proposed legislation extends the completion date.

240-21 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Incentive Agreement (Single Family Residential Development) with Jasen Britcher and Kimberly Fultz to provide for sewer services to real property outside the City limits.

080-21 Confirming and approving the execution of a grant agreement for the acceptance of an Airport Improvement Program Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Grant with the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount up to \$46,519.00 for the purchase of one (1) Electric Sedan Vehicle at the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport; and authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, Director of Finance and Airport Manager to do all things necessary for the acceptance of the grant and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements.

241-21 Vacating unnecessary right of way located at Prime Ohio II and directing the city clerk to notify the County of such vacation.

242-21 Confirming and approving a Short Term Agreement with the Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield & Clark County, Ohio, ("CIC") for pre-development improvements at Prime Ohio II.

182-20 Confirming and approving the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Whitaker Hauling for abatement and nuisance conditions services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

180-20 Confirming and approving the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Gary Gilbert, Jr. dba Gilbert's Lawn Service for abatement and nuisance conditions services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

181-20 Confirming and approving the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with OMAC Hauling, Inc. for abatement and nuisance conditions services as needed by the City, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

008-21 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment 1 with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., for the purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite for use by the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$90,000.00; and confirming and approving related expenditures incurred from September 2, 2021 to the passage of this ordinance.

162-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment 1 with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., for the purchase of Liquid Chlorine for use by the City's Water Treatment Plant to exercise the option to renew and increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$43,500.00; and confirming and approving related expenditures incurred from August 30, 2021 to the passage of this ordinance.

150-19 Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Synagro Central, LLC for Removal and Land Application of Bio-Solids, for an amount not to exceed \$1,238,600.00; and confirming and approving related expenditures from July 31, 2021 to the passage of this Ordinance.

Mr. Mike Lowe asked for additional information on the process of bio-solid removal for use as fertilizer. Service Director Moore explained the process of removing solid waste from the Wastewater Treatment Plan following treatment. Solids are dried and stored onsite then removed for farm field fertilizer by the contractor. If the contractor is unable to take the solid matter for field application, it would go to a landfill at a higher cost. The proposed amount would cover the higher costs if needed.

162-17 Confirming and approving Change Order No. 12 to the contract between the City and Moody's of Dayton, Inc. for the Well/Pump Cleaning and Rehabilitation Project, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$35,437.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,349,368.00; and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Change Order No. 12.

Mr. Moore explained all 12 wells are cleaned every three to four years. The proposed increase will allow for the repair and new liner for one of the wells.

006-19 Confirming and approving Agreement No. 36890 with West Erie Realty Solutions, Ltd. for the CLA Yellow Springs Street Reconstruction, PID No. 109491 for an amount not to exceed \$88,480.00.

243-21 Authorizing an expenditure for an amount not to exceed \$75,979.47 with Tyler Technologies, Inc. fka New World Systems Corporation for the period of October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, to maintain computer software used by the City's Public Safety Departments.

Next regular City Commission meeting: September 28, 2021.

SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

193-21 Ordinance No. 21-272: Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.3 acre at 1815 Columbus Avenue, Springfield, Ohio from RS-5, Low-Density, Single-Family Residence District to CC-2, Community Commercial District.

Mr. O'Neill asked if there were any objections to the request, and Mr. Thompson stated there were none.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton.

Yeas 3, Nays 0.

195-21 Ordinance No. 21-273: Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.57 acre at 25 West Harding Road, Springfield, Ohio from RS-5, Low-Density, Single-Family Residence District to PD, Planned Development District.

Mr. O'Neill asked if there were any objections to the request, and Mr. Thompson stated there were none.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton.

Yeas 3, Nays 0.

161-21 Ordinance No. 21-274: Renaming a portion of West McCreight Avenue, from North Fountain Boulevard to Saint Paris Road, to the dual naming of "West McCreight Avenue/Hermann Carr Way."

Dr. Estrop thanked those who attended the public hearing on August 31, 2021, to support the proposed dual naming request.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton.

Yeas 3, Nays 0.

221-21 Ordinance No. 21-275: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for the City's 2021 Collection of Fall Bagged Leaves Program for an amount not to exceed \$61,500.00.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton.

Yeas 3, Nays 0.

222-21 Ordinance No. 21-276: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Trash Pick-Up at Various City Facilities for a period of three (3) years, with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods, for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton.

Yeas 3, Nays 0.

223-21 DEFEATED Ordinance No. 21-277: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. for Trash Pick-Up at Various City Facilities for a period of three (3) years, with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Dr. Estrop stated he had asked the Law Director to provide guidance on whether the Commission could consider Waste Management's interest in the Tremont Barrel Fill relative to awarding or not awarding the trash contract to them. Law Director Allen referenced Section 145.04 of the Springfield Codified Ordinances addressing awarding of contracts based on the lowest and best bids. Bid assessment considers all documentation received from the vendor as well as past work experience.

Dr. Estrop asked City Manager Heck if there are any issues noted by the staff, and Mr. Heck stated staff recommended Waste Management as the lowest and best bid.

Dr. Estrop spoke on the ongoing issues related to toxic waste stored at the Tremont Barrel Fill and the proposed settlement that was offered three years and never resolved.

Mr. O'Neill asked for additional detail on the bids received. Mr. Heck stated Rumpke of Ohio also bid on the same trash pick-up service for all city facilities except for the two inside parking garages that require a different sized truck. Waste Management has provided this service for several years, and their bid was considered lowest and best. Finance Director Beckdahl noted Rumpke's bid for the same locations was \$20,000 higher over three years.

Mr. O'Neill stated a meeting with Waste Management officials would be appropriate. Mr. Heck noted the existing trash pick-up contracts were expiring soon.

Mrs. Chilton stated the concerns associated with the barrel fill is Waste Management's business with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), not with the city's trash pick-up.

Dr. Estrop suggested Waste Management representatives attend the City Commission's next meeting to address the issues.

Mr. Mike Lowe of Springfield stated he was part of the Citizens for Safe Water organization and Waste Management has not addressed the issues of the barrel fill for 30 years. Mr. Lowe recommended using one of the local haulers for trash pickup-up.

Mr. Larry Ricketts of Springfield stated denial of a contract for \$60,000 would not greatly impact the trash hauler but would send a message.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting failed.

Yeas, Mr. O'Neill. Nays, Dr. Estrop and Mrs. Chilton. Yeas 1, Nays 2.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance to approve the contract was defeated.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton. Nays, Dr. Estrop and Mr. O'Neill. Yeas 1, Nays 2.

Dr. Estrop stated that he did not want the city's trash collection contract to expire without

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, a motion was offered to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Trash Pick-Up at Various City Facilities for a period of three (3) years, with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton. Yeas 3, Nays 0.

224-21 Ordinance No. 21-278: Reorganizing the Police Division to the extent of establishing one Sergeant position in the Police Division of the Department of Public Safety.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton. Yeas 3, Nays 0.

225-21 Ordinance No. 21-279: Authorizing the City Manager to submit an Application For Financial Assistance and accept a grant from the State of Ohio, Ohio Public Works Commission, to obtain funding in an amount up to \$594,760.00 for the CLA Yellow Springs Street Reconstruction, Phase 1, PID No. 109491; and authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, Finance Director and City Engineer to do all things they consider necessary for the submission of the Application For Financial Assistance and the acceptance of the grant.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton. Yeas 3, Nays 0.

226-21 Ordinance No. 21-280: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Plat Agreement – Kingsgate Commons Section 13A between the City and Kingsgate Commons; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director and Finance Director to do all things necessary to implement the said Plat Agreement – Kingsgate Commons Section 13A.

Mr. O'Neill asked if there were any objections received on the plat agreement, and Mr. Thompson stated there were none.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton. Yeas 3, Nays 0.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

2-21 Mrs. Chilton announced the Family Needs Center would be hosting a Health Fair on Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2-21 Dr. Estrop shared his recent experience with a positive COVID-19 test with no symptoms although he was fully vaccinated. Dr. Estrop asked that citizens consider getting the vaccine and wear a mask in public because having the vaccine may have saved his life.

Mr. O'Neill urged citizens to consult with their doctor on getting the COVID-19 vaccine, and shared the experience of his late wife's COVID-19 illness and hospitalization.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

2-21 Mr. Mike Lowe spoke on submitting a public records request that took eight business days to complete and asked why the process took so long.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and filed:

176-21 Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of an address correction for Bob Evans Restaurants LLC dba Bob Evans Restaurant 49, 40 West Leffel Lane.

230-20 Notification from Buckeye Community Hope Foundation and Neighborhood Housing Partnership announcing plans to build Community Gardens II.

237-21 Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit transfer request from K & LS Mug & Jug LLC dba Mug & Jug Tavern, 1213 Mitchell Blvd. & Patio, to A & B Mug & Jug LLC dba Mug & Jug, 1213 Mitchell Blvd. & Patio.

245-21 Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a liquor permit request for Little Joe LLC dba Little Joe's MiniMart, 1220 South Center Street.

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There being no further business, on motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Yeas, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, and Mrs. Chilton.

Yeas 3, Nays 0.



ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION